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OWYHEE INITITIVE

Dear Senator Crapo:

I'm writing in support of the Owyhee Inititive. Thank you for your support of a matter that is vital in the survival of rurual Owyhee County. Our tax base is largely dependent upon a viable federally based livestock industry.

The wilderness issue should have been settled in congress by 1992 but continues to plage permittees and the managing agency with uncertainty. The Inititive will not only settle the wilderness question but probide for scientific review of future management.

I'm a permittee and landowner in the Northfork of the Owyhee area and believe the window of opportunity is open for settlement of a long unresolved issue. Congress should have delt with it long ago and the Inititive grassroots effort is doing the job Congress failed to do.

Thank You,

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